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Tragic Loss of Graduate Sparks Unified St. Louis Community 'Walking for Healing' Event, 100+ Expected



ST. LOUIS, MO – July 7, 2026 – Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) is proud to announce its official support and partnership with Wailing Women of Esther for **"Walking for Healing,"** a dedicated community day of prayer, remembrance, and restoration, honoring fallen loved ones and community members. The outdoor gathering will take place this upcoming **Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at the Catfish Picnic Shelter in Spanish Lake Park.

This year's event carries a profound meaning for FFSC. The gathering is held in memory of several young men from the community who tragically lost their lives recently.

Among those being honored is Antonio Nelson, a devoted father and proud graduate of Fathers & Families Support Center's program. Antonio was actively working to better his life and build a brighter future for his family this year **before his life was cut short.** FFSC is standing behind this event to ensure families walking through similar grief receive the community backing and resources they need.

"Antonio Nelson was a shining example of what it means to work hard, transform your life, and dedicate yourself to being a truly present father for your children," says FFSC CEO Cheri Tillis. ***"Our entire FFSC family is completely devastated by this tragic loss. When a graduate like Antonio is taken from us, it leaves a profound void in our community. We are standing firmly behind***

his family and all St. Louis families walking through this unimaginable grief, because together, we must find a path forward toward healing and peace."

"Walking for Healing" provides a peaceful, supportive setting for individuals, women, and families coping with the deep grief and traumatic loss of loved ones to violence. Supported by FFSC's network of care, the event serves as a space to openly celebrate the lives of those who have passed while equipping families with the resources necessary to navigate their healing journeys.

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SPANISH LAKE PARK
12500 Spanish Pond Road
St. Louis, MO 63138

Join us in a peaceful outdoor setting for a powerful time of prayer, healing, and restoration as we honor our loved ones and build stronger, healthier communities together.

A DAY OF PRAYER, HEALING & RESTORATION

SUNDAY JULY 12 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

HOSTED BY:
O'BRESHA NELSON | KINYANNA STEVENSON | JUANICE GREEN

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Women of all ages, families, friends, and community members

WHAT TO BRING: Lawn chairs, water, journals, and an open heart

WHAT TO EXPECT: Powerful prayer, worship, inspiring testimonies, community, and healing for our families and future generations

LIVE EVENT: Join us in person or tune in to our live podcast & livestream!

Walking for Healing

Join us for a community walk in remembrance, unity, and hope. Let's take steps together toward healing and restoration.

TOGETHER WE WEEP, TOGETHER WE HEAL, TOGETHER WE RISE.
"THEN ESTHER SPOKE AGAIN TO THE LORD AND FELL DOWN BEFORE HIM AND WEPT BITTERLY."—ESTHER 10:1

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Event Details:

- **What:** Walking for Healing: A Day of Prayer, Healing & Restoration
- **When:** Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Where:** Spanish Lake Park (Catfish Picnic Shelter), 12500 Spanish Pond Road, St. Louis, MO 63138
- **Hosts:** O'Bresha Nelson, Kinyanna Stevenson, and Juanice Green
- **Who Should Attend:** Women of all ages, families, friends, and any community members impacted by loss.
- **What to Bring:** Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of loved ones lost, lawn chairs, water and an open heart. Journals and gift bags will be provided.

What to Expect:

The program will feature a community walk of remembrance, unity, and hope. Attendees can expect powerful prayer, worship, inspiring personal testimonies, and a live podcast and livestream broadcast for those unable to attend in person. On-site resources, backed by FFSC's mission, will focus on emotional healing, strengthening family structures, and building safer, healthier communities for future generations.

"Together we weep, together we heal, together we rise."

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About Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC)

[FFSC is a nationally recognized agency](#) dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and child neglect by preparing fathers and mothers to be financially and emotionally present. **Since its first class in 1998, FFSC has supported 23,000 men on their journey to responsible fatherhood, benefitting over 57,000 children** with parents who can support them emotionally, developmentally and materially. As a United Way Member Agency, FFSC provides "full immersion" parenting education, legal services, and employment mentoring to foster healthy, cohesive families.

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